

DARING ROBBER REPEATS VISIT

SAN FRANCISCO DRUG STORE IS HELD UP TWICE BY THE SAME PARTY

SWITCHMEN AND RAILROADS TO CONFER

By Associated Press
CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Negotiations between the railroads' conference committee, representing the General Managers' association, and a switchmen's committee will begin in this city Monday, according to an authorized statement issued today by the General Managers' association.

MCVEY AND JEANNETTE FIGHT TO A DRAW

By Associated Press
PARIS, Dec. 11.—In a fight here tonight between Sam McVey and Joe Jeannette, American colored heavyweights, the referee declared the bout a draw, after thirty rounds of fighting. The decision created an uproar.

FEAR ZELAYA WILL MAKE ATTACK ON BLUEFIELDS

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Disquieting news received at the state department that there is danger of an attack being made by Zelaya's forces at Bluefields, where there are 150 Americans, resulted in orders being sent by wireless to the cruiser Tacoma to proceed under full steam to Bluefields, where she is to join the Des Moines and await further orders. The Pacific, which has been around in the Delaware river since Dec. 2, but which was floated today, has been ordered to take on board 700 marines and proceed at once to Colon.

STATEMENT OF ZELAYA SENT TO UNITED STATES

By Associated Press
PANAMA, Dec. 11.—President Zelaya has forwarded the following statement in reply to a request that he set forth his side of the controversy with the United States: "The manner of proceeding on the part of the secretary of state of the United States is extraordinary. He has refused to hear a well founded justification of Nicaragua's government in his communication to the Nicaraguan charge d'affaires, and makes statements which are false and offensive to this government and to me. So that this communication may be officially refuted, the American government has been asked to send an investigating committee so that it may be convinced of the correct procedure and truth of the affirmations of the Nicaraguan government."

FIVE DEAD FROM SKATING ON THIN ICE

By Associated Press
KENT, Ohio, Dec. 11.—The opening of the skating season claimed five victims here today, and nearly obliterated one family. The dead are Frank Cormany, a farmer, and his daughters Helen, Flora, and Mabel Cormany, aged nine, seven and five years, respectively, and Russell Cormany, an 18-year-old brother. The tragedy occurred in Sperry brook, a tributary of the Cuyahoga river, at Monroe Falls. All the bodies were recovered.

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IS IDENTIFIED BY PROPRIETOR BUT ESCAPES WHILE POLICE ARE BEING NOTIFIED.

NARROWLY ESCAPES LYNCHING FOR KILLING RANCHMAN

By Associated Press
LEBEAU, S. D., Dec. 11.—Davis G. Mackenzie, son of Murdo Mackenzie, former president of the National Livestock association, was shot and killed today by "Bud" Stephenson, formerly employed on the Matador ranch, of which Mackenzie was manager. Stephenson was arrested a short time after the shooting, and was later taken to Selby to prevent threatened violence. What led up to the shooting is a mystery, as Stephenson refuses to talk. The two men met in a saloon and without a word of warning Stephenson opened fire on Mackenzie. Mackenzie being unarmed, after the first shot, which pierced his lung, started for the door. Stephenson fired two more shots, one of which penetrated the heart, causing death within a few moments. An August, held tonight, resulted in a verdict which held Stephenson to the grand jury on the charge of murder.

POLITICAL ENDS NOT TO BE USED TAKING CENSUS

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—President Taft today served notice on ambitious members of congress that the newly organized machinery for taking the coming census is not to be utilized for political ends. He addressed 85 supervisors of the census at the executive office and told them if they used the office or permitted enumerators directly under them, to further political ends, he would remove them promptly.

MEN OF AFFAIRS GUESTS OF HONOR AT GRIDIRON BANQUET

By Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—President Taft and members of his cabinet, senators, judges, scientists and diplomats and men of high station in public and private life spent several hours tonight as the guests of the Gridiron club in revelry and song and nonsense, blended with wisdom. They heard many homely truths told in strange form and enjoyed many a joke at their own expense because of the genial humor in which the shafts of wit were concealed. Men of strongly opposed politics, and others who although of the same political party, had found serious reasons for wide divergence were present at the dinner and listened, not only with philosophy, but even with glee, to the comical exploitation of their quarrels.

The distinguished company learned in an authoritative way the truth about the discovery of the North Pole through a scientific commission which reported personally to the Gridiron club, and undertook to arbitrate the differences between Peary and Cook who in this instance were represented by two initiates into the club membership—Edward L. Keen, of the United Press, and Ira E. Bennett, of the Washington Post and San Francisco Call.

One of the explorers said he had identified the Pole by the resemblance of the climatic conditions to inauguration day in Washington. He had qualified for his task by climbing Capitol Hill to reach the appropriations committee, and was equipped with a fountain pen and a megaphone. The Pole was found to be as far distant from land as President Taft found it from the insurgent Wigwam to Stand-nat Igloo.

Later Telephones and Makes Threat to Drug Store Proprietor---Many Detectives Scouring City.

By Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—After being sought by the police department of this city for a week, an unidentified man who last Saturday held up and robbed two drug store proprietors, and entered a Hamman bath establishment, to shoot down and kill the bookkeeper, William H. Schneider, tonight walked into the first place held up by him a week ago and at the point of a pistol again robbed it, obtaining \$125.

The drug store is located on Market street, near Larkin, and scores of Christmas shoppers were passing the place at the time. Seven persons were in the rear of the store when the robber entered and asked one of the clerks for some headache powders. Dr. E. H. Gleason, the proprietor, happened to look up from the prescription counter and there, within a few feet of him, recognized the man who robbed him last Saturday night. With a whispered "There he is again,"

PATROLMAN RESIGNS TO BECOME EVANGELIST

By Associated Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—John Y. Brown, who until a short time ago was a patrolman attached to a precinct of Brooklyn, and who was known as one of the biggest and sturdiest of New York's six-foot traffic squad, is to be ordained into the ministry next week. He will begin his new profession with a series of evangelistic meetings in a Brooklyn suburb.

to a clerk, he ran upstairs in the rear to notify the police.

Meantime the clerk who was waiting upon the robber turned to hand him the powders, and found himself confronted with a revolver, and was forced to hand over the contents of the cash register. The robber walked out through the front door and was lost in the throng on the street.

About an hour after the daring robbery, which was a repetition of his performance of last Saturday night, and while a score of police in plain clothes and uniform were scouring the city for him, a man whose voice Clerk H. E. Nolan declares he recognized as that of the robber, called him up on the telephone and said: "Tell that proprietor if he don't have more than \$100 when I call next time I'll blow his head off."

All drug stores east of Fillmore street and the Hamman bath establishment in which he killed Schneider, are being guarded by police and detectives for fear he may appear at one of them.

PULLMAN COMPANY PURCHASES LAND

By Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—The Pullman company has purchased 21 acres of land at Point Richmond, according to an announcement made by General Manager Richmond Dean, and construction work on a repair plant which will cost half a million, will be commenced the first of next March. The plant, according to Dean, will be in operation some time next summer.

FOOTBALL EXP BELIEVE RUGBY COMING GAME

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The Hamilton and Ottawa, Ontario, football teams, the two leading clubs of Canada, gave an exhibition game as Rugby is played in Canada, this afternoon before the best American football authorities. The game has been heralded by some as a successor to the American college football as now played. Hamilton won, 11 to 6.

The rules committee of the American Collegiate Football association meets in this city Christmas week, and it is expected that the members of the committee on revision of the rules will bear in mind the Rugby game. There seemed to be a consensus of opinion that the open play, and the entire absence of mass play in Rugby is responsible for the few accidents which have resulted.

Today's game was marked by spectacular kicking by the backs on both sides. This, and the rule against mass plays, led to much open playing, which appealed particularly to the spectators.

STRIKERS THREATEN MINERS WITH CLUBS

By Associated Press
SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 11.—Violence in connection with the strike at the collieries of the Dominion Coal company has broken out afresh. At Dominion colliery, Glace bay, today, a crowd of 300 strikers, all armed with clubs, gathered about the entrance and threatened the men who were going to work.

Homely Truths Told in Strange Form at Festive Board--Song and Nonsense Blend With Wisdom.

Strange discoveries were made. Santa Claus was found laden with heavy packages marked, "My Policies—From T. R. to W. H. T."

The Aurora Borealis resembled the halo that Taft put on Aldrich, while Cannon's halo resembled the midnight sun (without the sun). Matt Hensen appeared, claiming to have located the Pole in Savannah, and produced it in the shape of a barber's pole, tunelessly telling of his exploits. The question of identity being raised, barbers ruthlessly removed the enormous hirsute appendages of the pseudo-explorers and disclosed the initiates. Then the electric bulbs were dimmed and in the brilliancy of a calcium light "Uncle Joe" Cannon was portrayed in a series of plastic poses on a pedestal as "The Iron Duke," with the inevitable cigar, grown to enormous proportions and tilted upward at the familiar sharp angle, while the quartet chanted a ditty to the tune of "Pony Boy," the first verse of which was:

"In the air sitting there
See the speaker, our own Uncle Joe;
Hear him roar, see him tear all his hair
When insurgents defy him;
Every man in the house is as still as a mouse
While Cannon is present;
But when he's away for a day they all play
And say they don't fear him."

Scarcely had the guests turned again to their entree when the dinner was interrupted by the noisy entry of a dozen hard faced old dames, leading meek and hen-pecked husbands. These turned out to be a delegation of aggressive suffragettes, demanding "Votes for Women" in strident voices. Several noted men among the diners were called upon to declare their positions upon this momentous question, to the great amusement of the company. Finally the president of the club decided against the women's claims, whereupon they announced their purpose to participate in the dinner and were only driven away through a threat to feed them after the British fashion through the medium of a gigantic stomach pump.

"The Battle Royal" was a mirth-provoking stunt. Members of the club clad in regulation ring outfits represented "Battling Nelson," the Rhode Island Terror; "Achilles Ballinger, the Siwash Sorcerer;" "Giff Pinchot, the Fighting Lumber Jack," "Joe Cannon, the Danville Bantam," and "Herb Parsons, the Candy Kid."

Before the mixup, which was very realistic, the cautious referee discovered concealed in the gloves of the gladiators various articles, such as lumps of coal, axes, knives, pieces of steel and the like, calculated to inflict mortal damage upon some of them.

President Taft's projected visit to Alaska formed a subject of humorous comment and great solicitude was shown for his comfort and to make sure that his dietary would conform to his simple tastes the proprietor of the hotel where he is to stop was called upon to state the viands to be provided. The list of dishes and methods of preparation afforded opportunity for many good natured jokes at the expense of the prominent guests. The man who wanted poached eggs on toast heard his order translated into "One Cook and Peary on a raft." Captain Archie Butt who ordered hash with red peppers and tabasco sauce was astounded to hear the chef acknowledge it as "One order of Roosevelt policies." Attorney General Wickensham's demand for deviled lobsters with the claws removed got to the kitchen as "One busted trust," and "One Uncle Joe" was the response to the suggestion that the president would like some "possum." What the general opinion was of the president himself was set out by the Gridiron quartette in a song a verse of which ran: (The tune being "I love my wife but oh you kid.")

"Now Roosevelt once was president,
Oh yes, he was;
But Mr. Taft now runs the job,
Oh yes, he does,
Roosevelt now has gone a-hunting,
Shooting with his might and main
So the politicians sing
This musical refrain:

Chorus
We love, we love, we love Roosevelt
But, oh you Taft!
He's gone away to Alaska,
But, oh you Taft!
He said he would come back again,

And thereupon we laughed,
We love, we love, we love Roosevelt
You Taft!"

correspondents voiced
against news conditions
present administration as
with that preceding.

ages were delivered to the
representatives of press associations
and leading newspapers complaining
of the dearth of Washington news
worthy of first page headlines and
asking why the president was not
"giving congress fits," as had been
customary for the past seven years.
There were also wild telegraphic
demands for details of the Roosevelt
conspiracy, that could not be met.

The souvenir of the the dinner was a "Gridiron Dream Book," the production of the club's special seer, "Prof. Woodington Wiz." Flamboyantly bound, its decorative scheme utilized, along with the mystic Gridiron, various symbols of the necromancer's art. Proceeding on the theory that the interpreter of dreams should also take into consideration the circumstances and temperament of the individual, the favorite dreams of various guests were mentioned and their significance explained. There was also an Oracleum and Book of Fate by means of which fortunes could be told and the sciences of Physiognomy and Palmistry were not neglected. Illustrations in caricature brightened the pages of the volume and occasional bits of verse interspersed. Despite its whimsical and irresponsible purport, many of its deductions were admitted to be marvelously accurate.

Among the guests were President Taft, Vice President Sherman, Secretary Ballinger, Speaker Cannon, Secretary Nagel, Postmaster General Hitchcock, Chief Forester Pinchot, Senator Newlands, Marquis of Villalba, the Spanish minister, Charles Diehl of Chicago, General Clarence Edwards, U. S. A.

FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTS 16 FOR CONSPIRACY

By Associated Press
TOLEDO, Dec. 11.—That the government will prove that a widespread conspiracy exists to extort money from Italian was shown by indictments returned today by the federal grand jury against sixteen Sicilians, alleged members of a blackhand organization apprehended last June. A secret indictment was also returned, the nature of which was not disclosed.

The joint indictment contained fifteen counts charging conspiracy to use the mails to extort money by threats, and reveals the names of fifteen Italians living in Ohio and Indiana whom, it is alleged, the defendants attempted to victimize. Six of the defendants are held in jail here. After the report of the grand jury, warrants were issued for the arrest of others, and bonds were fixed at \$10,000 each.

CLARK AND RUTT WIN THE SIX DAY BICYCLE RACE

By Associated Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Walter Rutt of Germany and "Jack" Clark of Australia, won the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden tonight. Their distance was 2660.1 miles for 142 hours, which is 75 miles behind the record made last year by McFarlane and Moran. In the competitive exhibition between the two winners following the race proper, Rutt defeated his partner by six inches. The men divided first money, \$1600, between them. Joe Folger and Eddie Root, of New York, took second place in the big race, and Bobby Walthour and Elmer Collins finished third.

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